



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

JUN 30 2010

Honorable Nidel Lorak
Minister of Education
Republic of the Marshall Islands
P.O. Box 3
Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands 96960

Dear Minister Lorak:

We have conditionally approved the Republic of the Marshall Islands' (RMI's) application for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 funds under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA or Part B). Our conditional approval is based on our review of the application submitted by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), on May 10, 2010 and June 16, 2010, including the assurances provided in Section II and incorporated by reference to this letter as noted in Enclosure A. In addition, RMI provided specific assurances that it will:

1. Operate consistently with Part B and applicable regulations; and
2. Make such changes to existing policies and procedures as are necessary to bring those policies and procedures into compliance with the requirements of Part B as soon as possible, and not later than June 30, 2011. Within Section II of its application, RMI has included, for each assurance it cannot meet at this time, the date by which it expects to complete necessary changes to any policies and procedures that are not yet in compliance with the requirements of Part B.

Please note that as part of your application for FFY 2010, RMI has made an assurance, in 34 CFR §80.11(c), that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect during the FFY 2010 grant period. Any changes made by RMI, after OSEP approval, to information that is a part of a RMI's application, must meet the public participation requirements in 34 CFR §300.165.

Enclosed is RMI's grant award for funds currently available under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 -- P.L. 111-117 for the Part B Section 611 (Grants to States) program. These funds are available for obligation by States from July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2012 in accordance with 34 CFR §76.709.

The amount shown in your award for the Section 611 program is only part of the total funds that will be awarded to you for FFY 2010. Of the \$11,505,211,000 appropriated for Section 611 in FFY 2010, \$2,912,828,000 is available for awards on July 1, 2010, and \$8,592,383,000 will be available for awards on October 1, 2010.

Enclosure B provides a short description of how Section 611 funds were allocated and how those funds can be used. In addition, Table I in Enclosure B shows funding levels for distribution of Section 611 funds and the parameters for within-State allocations.¹

¹ Pursuant to language contained in the Department of Education Appropriations Act in 2010, the Part B funds awarded to States under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for FFY 2009 were not considered for purposes of calculating State allocations under Section 611 for FFY 2010.

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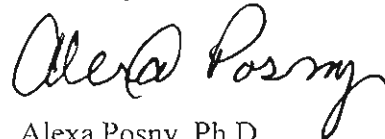
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The enclosed grant award of FFY 2010 funds is made with the continued understanding that this Office may, from time to time, require clarification of information within your application, if necessary. These inquiries may be necessary to allow us to appropriately carry out our administrative responsibilities related to Part B.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the provision of quality educational services to children with disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexa Posny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alexa" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Posny".

Alexa Posny, Ph.D.
Acting Director
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosures

Enclosure A

Enclosure B

cc: Director of Special Education
